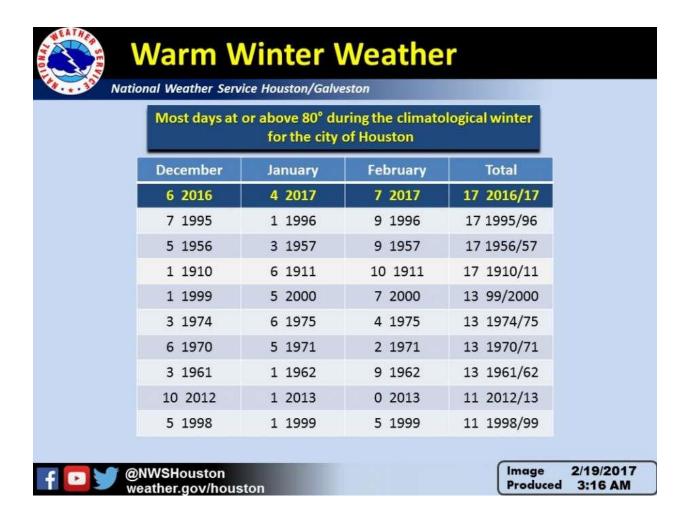
March hottest month on record for Galveston, College Station



Last month was the hottest on record for some areas of southeast Texas.

<u>The city of Galveston</u> beat out a high set more than 100 years ago after the mercury climbed to an average of 70.5 degrees this March. Before that, the record was in 1907, when the thermometer averaged 70.4 degrees, according to the National Weather Service.

<u>College Station</u> saw record-breaking heat as well, narrowly edging past a high set in 2012. This March beat it by one-tenth of a degree at 67.2 degrees.

"For this particular month, the warmer-than-normal overnight lows contributed to the higher temperatures," NWS meteorologist Charles Roeseler said. "More cloud cover at night kept temperatures warmer."

But in the Houston area, March was hot - but not record-breaking.

The highest average temperature for the month was set back in 1907 when the mercury rose to 71.8 degrees on an average day. This year was a little cooler, at 68.2 degrees, making it the eighth-hottest March on record.

Year-to-date temps have been record-breaking across the region. In Houston, <u>Galveston and College Station</u>, average 2017 temperatures have clocked in at 64.8 degrees, 66.9 degrees and 62.8 degrees, respectively.

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